

ECNA-4134

Chief of Mission, Frankfurt
Attention: []
Chief of Base, Bonn

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Operational/Liaison

Meeting with CAUSA, 16 February 1955
Gibbs

1. CAUSA requested [] to come to his office on 18 February 1955 in order to discuss three points that CAUSA wished to bring to our attention.

2. The first point was CAUSA's conversation with Richard Hottelot of CBS concerning ZIPPER activities. This has been reported in ECNA 6110. The effect of CAUSA's report and [] subsequent conversation with Hottelot is that Hottelot will re-assure CAUSA that reference to "American" misgivings about ZIPPER activities did not imply any official American change of viewpoint with regard to ZIPPER.

3. The second point raised by CAUSA was his desire to transmit to Aachen a prospectus concerning a newspaper project (see FRAN-4031 and DIR-37030). CAUSA was told that the prospectus could be forwarded. The paper was transmitted by courier on the following day to Frankfurt so that it would arrive in time for [] trip to Washington. CAUSA may or may not be implying that there is a commitment on this project, but the prospectus was accepted and forwarded because current instructions from Aachen are that there is no reason why this project cannot be discussed with CAUSA provided no hopes are raised which later may not be realized. No such hopes were raised with CAUSA. HLF

4. The third point raised by CAUSA was that a Hamburg paper had carried a story alleging that CAUSA was irked with the American international position and its policies with regard to Germany and had become a convert to British policies and plans. CAUSA rather seriously told [] that there was no justification for this story and was re-assured that we had paid no attention to it.

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